

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 35-58 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 35, 42, and 49 are amended and claims 59-64 are canceled. Support for the amendments can be found at least at Figures 2-3, page 8, lines 17-24; page 10, lines 20-26, page 11, lines 7-26, page 15, line 23 – page 17, line 11, and throughout the specification, claims, and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended to the undersigned representative during the interview conducted January 21, 2010. During the interview new claims 59-64 were discussed and it was agreed that the references of record did not teach or suggest the features of at least these claims. Applicant's representative also explained the use of decryption to determine that a buyer has access to a private key and other similar functions as recited in the independent claims. No other pertinent matters were discussed.

The independent claims are amended to incorporate the features previously recited in claims 59-64. As described in the Amendment filed December 14, 2009 and as agreed during the January 21, 2010 interview, the art of record does not teach or suggest at least these features, and it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 202-481-9900.

Respectfully submitted,

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